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SUBJECT: PAGANI AND BRANT DETENTIONS

REF: STATE 48479

1. NOTE PRESENTED TO SOUTO MAIOR ON MARCH 4. POLITICAL COUNSELOR EXPLAINED THAT OF THREE ARREST CASES, ONE WAS SECURITY CASE AND THE OTHER TWO STRAIGHT CONSULAR MATTERS. IT WAS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WE WERE NOT ASKING ANY ASSISTANCE ON THESE SPECIFIC CASES NOR WERE WE REQUESTING INVESTIGATION; NOTE WAS BEING PRESENTED TO ENSURE THAT BRAZILIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WERE INSTRUCTED ON NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS PROCEDURES REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 36 OF VIENNA CONVENTION AND TO AVOID REPETITION OF SIMILAR CASES IN FUTURE.

2. SOUTO MAIOR DID NOT RAISE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FACTS PRESENTED IN THE NOTE NOR DID HE REQUEST ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WOULD MOST LIKELY REFER THE NOTE TO THE MINISTRY'S CONSULAR AND JURIDICAL DEPARTMENT FOR ACTION. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT DEALING WITH THE BRAZILIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES ON THE MATTER WOULD BE "DIFFICULT" SINCE "POLICEMEN ARE POLICEMEN".

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